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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BANK ENTRY IN URUGUAY

REF: STATE 089497

1. BY LAW, SINCE 1965 URUGUAY HAS PROHIBITED THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES FOR ANY NEW BANKS HERE, REGARDLESS WHETHER FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC. HOWEVER, PERMISSION TO TRANSFER EXISTING BANK LI-CENSES IS NOT REQUIRED, AND THEREFORE CUSTOMARY WAY FOR FOREIGN BANKS TO ENTER IS BY BUYING OUT EXISTING LOCAL BANK. THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS NOTIFICATION TO CENTRAL BANK BY THE BANK WHICH IS BEING SOLD.
2. SINCE CENTRAL BANK EXERCISES CLOSE SUPERVISION OF COMMERCIAL BANK OPERATIONS, BANKERS FIND IT USEFUL TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH CB. IN THIS REGARD THERE ARE USUALLY INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN CB AND PARTIES PLANNING TO PURCHASE LOCAL BANKS.
3. IN THE CASE OF A PENDING SALE OF A LOCAL BANK TO THE BANK OF BOSTON, SUCH CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT CB HAS NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED PURCHASE. SIRACUSA

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